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Via Fax and U.S. Mail

Sheldon H. Muller, Esq. United States EPA, Region VIII 999 18th Street, Suite 300 8ENF-L Denver, CO 80202

Re:

Rico, URS Residential Sampling

Dear Sheldon:

In mid-October 2003, URS Operating Services, Inc, as a contractor to EPA, sampled residential properties in Rico, Colorado. The Field Sampling Plan and soil data for this event were shared with the public at a December 2003 meeting in Rico, and later provided to Atlantic Richfield in spreadsheet form. We appreciate EPA's sharing of the data, but the data is of little utility without the sampling map or map coordinates detailing the locations where samples were obtained.

On various occasions since the December 5 meeting in Rico, numerous verbal requests have been made by Atlantic Richfield, Town representatives and others for this information. As EPA is aware, Atlantic Richfield is considering an application under the Colorado Voluntary Cleanup Program to address residential lead exposures in the Town of Rico, and full disclosure of the sampling locations, map coordinates, field logs describing the sample locations and type, and XRF calibration data is critical to our effort to identify locations in need of additional sampling and/or cleanup.

We request EPA's cooperation by making the sampling location and other information immediately available to the public. Thank you for your cooperation.

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